(iv) It has been found from experience that the vessel also requires to be fitted with a cold store for keeping fish fresh till they are brought ashore for the market. It was only recently a decision was possible as to whether a cold store should be fitted on board or not.

(e) (1) The following statement gives the information :—

	RS.
Capital expenditure	1,04,589
Repairs to boiler tubes	7,806
Cost of gear	1,408
	1,13,803

	RS.
Running charges for the trawler up to 31st July 1927.	57,587

Receipts—	RS.	A.	P.
Deep-sea fishing	128	15	3

(2) The High Commissioner originally estimated the cost of the trawler at £4,000 and the Admiralty when approached in the matter demanded £4,500; but as the result of some negotiation, the Director-General of Stores was able to secure a reduction to £3,000.

Prohibition of the capture of sword fishes in coastal towns.

* 556 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that cholera broke out in the coastal towns of Southern India whenever the season for capture of sword fishes came ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to prohibit capturing of sword fishes in the sea water, bringing them to any of the shores of the Madras Province, and selling them for human food ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Sword fishes are rarely caught and are not so far known to cause any epidemic.

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Aid to village panchayats for maintaining dispensaries.

* 557 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications have been made by village panchayats since the passing of Act XV of 1920 for aid to maintain—

(i) Ayurvedic dispensaries ;
(ii) English dispensaries ;

(b) how many of them have been granted such applications ; and
(c) how many have been rejected and for what reasons ?

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A.—(*a*) (i) One.
(ii) None.
(*b*) None.
(*c*) One. No grants are sanctioned for the upkeep of Ayurvedic dispensaries.

Appointment of a woman medical officer for the treatment of venereal diseases.

* 558 Q.—Dr. S. Muthulakshmi Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of in and out female patients that attended the General and other Government hospitals in the City of Madras for the treatment of venereal diseases during the year 1926 ;

(*b*) whether any attempt was made to appoint a woman medical officer to look after such women patients in these hospitals ; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*b*) be in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to take immediate steps for the appointment of female medical officers for the purpose ?

A.—(*a*) The information is furnished below :—

Name of institution.	Number of female patients treated during 1926.	
	In-patients.	Out-patients.
1. Government General Hospital.	113	435
2. Rayapuram Hospital	343	751
3. Royapetta ,, ...	37	170
4. Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital.	94	273
5. Hospital for Women and Children.	76	111

(*b*) There are lady doctors in the Royapetta Hospital, the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital and the Hospital for Women and Children to attend to such patients. Lady doctors have not been appointed to the General Hospital or the Rayapuram Hospital.

(*c*) The General and the Rayapuram Hospitals are used for the training of medical students. The majority of the students who attend the General Hospital and all those attending the Rayapuram Hospital are men. As these students must in the course of their training necessarily examine female patients, there is no urgent need for the appointment of lady doctors in these two hospitals. Female patients who object to being examined by male doctors can without difficulty go either to the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital or to the Hospital for Women and Children.

Medical certificates for public servants.

*559 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the head of a department can refuse requisition to a medical officer to examine a subordinate who applies to him for leave on the ground of illness ;